

SENATE No. 1576

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act punishing the failure to report certain fires.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PUNISHING THE FAILURE TO REPORT CERTAIN FIRES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section: -

3 Section 41. Whoever (1) starts, causes or maintains a fire or explosion, which fire or
4 explosion endangers the life, physical safety or property of another, and (2) willfully fails
5 to take reasonable measures (i) to extinguish or control the fire or explosion when he can
6 do so without substantial risk to himself, or (ii) to notify those that he knows or has
7 reason to know are endangered by the fire or explosion when he can do so without
8 substantial risk to himself, or (iii) to notify promptly the police or fire department, shall
9 be punished by not more than 2 years in the house of correction or a fine of not less than
10 \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.